

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A method for producing plant protection or plant-strengthening agents for controlling bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular fire blight, characterized in that fungal structures which are capable of multiplication are added to an acidic environment for the treatment of plants.
2. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the acidic environment is kept within a pH range of from 3 to 6, preferably pH 3.6 to 4.0.
3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the fungal structures added are yeast cells and/or fungal spores which are capable of multiplication.
4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that claim 1, including the step of adding blastospores of the species Aureobasidium pullulans ~~are added~~.
5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that claim 3, including adding yeast cells of the species Metschnikowia pulcherrima ~~are added~~.
6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that claim 1, including adding

citric acid ~~is added~~ as acidifier.

7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including adding whey powder is added to the environment.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including adding (1) blastospores or yeast cells and (2) citric acid and (3) whey powder are added.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including adding disodium hydrogen phosphate or sodium hydrogen carbonate is added to the environment.

10. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including adding spores, conidia and budding yeast cells of filamentous fungi and yeast are used as fungal structures which are capable of multiplication.

11. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including controlling fire blight (~~Erwinia amylovora~~) is controlled by spraying flowers of plants with a mixture of fungal structures which are capable of multiplication and acids whose , wherein the spray mixture is in has a pH range of approximately from 3 to 6.

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ claim 1, including controlling fire blight (~~Erwinia amylovora~~) is controlled by

spraying flowers of plants with blastospores of the species *Aureobasisium pullulans* and/or yeast cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima* in a mixture with acid, wherein the mixture ~~or spray mixture being maintained within~~ has a pH range of from 3 to 6.

13. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one~~ ~~claims 1 to 10, characterized in that for the control of~~ claim 1, including controlling fire blight ~~(*Erwinia amylovera*)~~ by spraying flowers of plants ~~are sprayed~~ with blastospores of the species *Aureobasisium pullulans* and/or yeast cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima* in a mixture with organic acids whose pH is in the range of ~~approximately~~ from 3 to 6.

14. (original) A plant protection or plant-strengthening agent for controlling bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular fire blight, characterized in that the product comprises an acidic environment and fungal structures which are capable of multiplication.

15. (original) A plant protection or plant-strengthening agent for controlling bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular fire blight, characterized in that 1 kg of product comprises:

approx.  $2 \times 10^{11}$  to  $1 \times 10^{13}$ , in particular  $2 \times 10^{12}$   
blastospores of the species *Aureobasisium pullulans*

approx.  $2 \times 10^{11}$  to  $1 \times 10^{13}$ , in particular  $3 \times 10^{12}$   
yeast cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*

100 g to 400 g, in particular 300 g of citric acid

50 g to 250 g, in particular 150 g of disodium

hydrogen phosphate

100 g to 500 g, in particular 400 g of whey powder.

16. (currently amended) ~~The use~~ A method of plant protection or plant-strengthening agent for controlling bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, ~~in particular including~~ including fire blight, comprise, applying a product in an acidic environment, fungal structures which are capable of multiplication.

17. (currently amended) ~~The use~~ method as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterized in that including using~~ including using blastospores of the species *Aureobasisium pullulans* and/or yeast cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima* ~~are used~~ as fungal structures which are capable of multiplication.

18. (currently amended) ~~The use~~ method as claimed in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that including using~~ including using organic or inorganic acidifiers, ~~in particular citric acid, are used.~~

19. (currently amended) ~~The use~~ method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 16 to 18, characterized in that the~~ claim 16, wherein the acidic environment ~~used~~ is an acidic environment within a pH range of from 3 to 6, ~~in particular from 3.6 to 4.0.~~

20. (currently amended) ~~The use for a~~ method as claimed in claim 16, wherein 1-kg of the product of plant protection or plant-strengthening agent has the following composition:

~~approx.  $2 \times 10^{11}$  to  $1 \times 10^{13}$ , in particular  $2 \times 10^{12}$~~   
blastospores of the species *Aureobasisium pullulans*;

~~approx.  $2 \times 10^{11}$  to  $1 \times 10^{13}$ , in particular  $3 \times 10^{12}$~~  yeast  
cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*;

~~100 g to 400 g, in particular 300 g~~ of citric acid;

~~50 g to 250 g, in particular 150 g~~ of disodium hydrogen  
phosphate; and

~~100 g to 500 g, in particular 400 g~~ of whey powder.

21. (currently amended) The ~~use~~ method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 16 to 20,~~ characterized in that claim 20, including using spores, conidia and budding yeast cells of filamentous fungi and yeasts ~~are used~~ as fungal structures.

22. (currently amended) The ~~use~~ method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 16 to 21,~~ characterized in that claim 21, wherein the product ~~is used as spray mixture within~~ has a pH range of from 3 to 6 ~~for spraying diseased flowers of plants.~~